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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

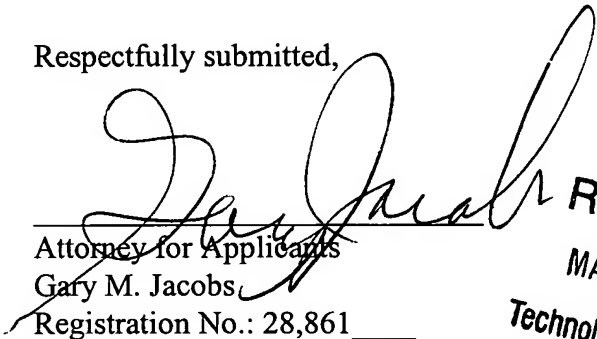
The concise explanation of relevance of the Japanese patents are found in the attached English Abstract of Japanese Patent No. 2-122355 and the attached translation of Claim 1 of Japanese Patent No. 63-57701.

Conclusion

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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